

KING COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2004

Unapproved DRAFT Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance

Carolyn Armanini
William Beck
Robert Beckwith
Don Freas
Steve Goldstein
Mark Hooper
Max Pope
Ray Schlien
Shirley Shimada
Dave Whitley

Others in Attendance

Tami Litras
Diane Yates

Action Items

Line 34: Suggested future agenda item - "Anything to Oil."
Lines 35-36: Motion approving April 2004 minutes. Passed unanimously.
Lines 103-106: Motion approving staff's recruitment plan. Passed unanimously.
Line 109: Suggested future agenda item – Division custodianship of closed landfills
Lines 112-114: Motion to add agenda item to June meeting – SWAC's role in Division's CIP projects, (1% for the Arts). Pass unanimously.

1st NE Transfer Station Public Art Design Presentation

SWAC began its meeting at the offices of the Cultural Development Authority (CDA) for a presentation on the public art proposed for the 1st Northeast Transfer Station Improvement Project.

Cath Brunner of the CDA explained the process for designing and funding 1% for Arts projects. All projects are reviewed and approved by the CDA Public Art Advisory Committee. The budget for projects is based on above ground construction costs. Funding is pooled from smaller projects and added to the budgets for large projects, such as the 1st Northeast Transfer Station Improvement Project. Criteria for 1% for Art projects is that it must be visible and accessible or there must be a need for mitigation. Using pooled resources, \$225,000 was dedicated to the 1st NE Transfer Station project.

Design Team Artist, Carol dePelecyn worked with KPG on the design plan. dePelecyn also attended all community and other public meetings for the project. Additionally, dePelecyn met with SWD staff, including staff at 1st NE to gather information on how the

station operates. She also observed how customers use the facility. Her concepts were developed out of all these meetings and her observations. Her design has been approved by the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council.

Artist Carol dePelecyn went over her design for the project. She discussed her concept of using sound as part of the project and went on to discuss the concept for integrating tires into the plan and a mural in the transfer building that juxtaposes a depiction of Mount Rainier and the mountains of garbage that are disposed.

Call to Order

SWAC returned to King Street Center. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Introductions

SWAC members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes and Review of Agenda

SWAC member Bill Beck requested “Anything to Oil” be added as a future agenda item.

SWAC member Bill Beck moved approval of the April 2004 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Facilities and Operations Subcommittee

No report. May meeting was cancelled.

WRR Subcommittee

All-Consuming Marketing: The Rise of Disposables & Excess Consumption and How We Can Respond. Tom Watson, Division staff, gave a test run of a presentation he will be giving at the upcoming Northwest Sustainability Conference. Tom requested input from the subcommittee. Tom’s presentation focused on two questions:

1. Do we really need to use so much of the world’s natural resources to produce all the “stuff” – packaging, disposable products, all the things that Americans have?
2. Producing all this stuff generates long-term risks such as pollution, waste and toxics – is it worth it?

51 The subcommittee discussed the perceived benefits of producing and buying, as well as the
52 negatives. Tom asked the subcommittee for their thoughts on what we can do as individuals to
53 respond to excess consumption, and what arguments could be emphasized to persuade others to
54 reduce consumption, and the different perspectives for trying to bring about change. Finally, the
55 subcommittee discussed what governments can do to counter the rise of disposables and excess
56 consumption.

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58 ***LinkUp Program.*** Kris Beatty, Division staff, gave an update on the 2004 LinkUp Program.
59 The LinkUp program works with manufacturers to use more recycled materials by providing
60 technical assistance and promotional and marketing support to its private sector partners. Since
61 the program began in 2000, LinkUp has worked with 20 businesses. The LinkUp program is
62 currently recruiting new partner manufacturers. The priority materials are paper, wood, food,
63 yard waste and electronics.

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65 ***Green Schools and School WR/R Assistance Programs.*** Dale Alekel, Division staff, briefed
66 the subcommittee on two Division programs that provide assistance to K-12 schools (public and
67 private) throughout King County (excluding Seattle).

68 **A. School Recycling & Waste Reduction Assistance Program.** This program provides technical
69 assistance to help schools reduce waste and recycle at their facilities. In the 2003-04 school
70 year, the program provided assistance to 23 schools.

71 **B. Green Schools Program.** The goals of the Green Schools Program are to help participating
72 schools and school districts improve or expand their conservation practices and reduce related
73 costs; and to help schools become better stewards of the environment and serve as models for
74 their students and the community.

75 In the 2003-2004 school year, the program has focused on assistance to school districts, which
76 typically pay for utilities and are responsible for procurement, and therefore must be part of any
77 substantive, system-wide change.

78 79 **CDL Contracts Update**

80 Engineering Services Manager Kevin Kiernan was not present to give an update. SWAC Staff
81 Liaison Diane Yates informed SWAC that the County has extended the existing CDL Contracts
82 to September 2004 with negotiations continuing.

85 **Subcommittee Attendance**

86 Yates distributed a chart identifying attendance at subcommittee meetings from January 2003 to
87 present. The chart showed that attendance has been good.

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89 **SWAC Structure**

90 Yates distributed two handouts: SWAC Authorizations – which states SWAC can have up to 20
91 members; and SWAC Membership – a list that broke down representation by council district and
92 interest area.

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94 At this time SWAC has 14 members. The SWAC membership list identifies that another citizen
95 representative is needed. Currently, there are no citizen positions on SWAC from Council
96 districts 7, 8, 9 & 13. Additionally, a new representative is needed from Teamsters Local 174.
97 Goldstein suggested recruiting a high level city staff member, someone that speaks with an
98 elected every day. Max Pope stated that, District 9 is so far out, people see King County as
99 Seattle and don't think it has an impact on them. Bill Beck offered to talk to some people in
100 District 9 to see if anyone is interested. Carolyn Armanini suggested SWAC add another local
101 elected official to the committee. Members agreed.

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103 **Shimada moved that SWAC give approval to Diane Yates to pursue recruitment of an**
104 **additional citizen representative, another elected official and a replacement for George**
105 **Raffle, who had been the representative for Teamsters Local 174. The motion passed**
106 **unanimously.**

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108 **Open Forum**

109 **Ray Schlienzen requested that the Division's custodianship of closed landfills be added as a**
110 **future agenda item.**

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112 **SWAC member Armanini moved to add a discussion to the July agenda about SWAC's**
113 **role in the Division's CIP projects, particularly 1% for the Arts.**
114 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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116 **Adjournment**

117 The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.